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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE COMBINATION OF BLUE SKY/LARK EXERCISES

REF: (A) STATE 095876, (B) TAIPEI 2500, (C) 75 STATE 90576,  
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1. TDC INFORMS US THAT IN PAST, NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT PARTICIPATING IN BLUE SKY HAS RANGED ROUGHLY FROM 20 TO 40, AND THOSE PARTICIPATING LARK FROM 6 TO 15. AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY, WEATHER, AND ABORTED MISSIONS MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO SAY IN ADVANCE HOW MANY AIRCRAFT WILL NORMALLY PARTICIPATE IN A GIVEN EXERCISE. ELECTRONIC PROFILE ALSO VARIES ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT USING RADAR, WHICH FLUCTUATES. IN PROPOSED COMBINED EXERCISE, PRC SHOULD NOTE PRESENCE OF CARRIER, SUPPORT SHIPS AND ASSOCIATED AIRCRAFT CHARACTERISTIC OF BLUE SKY. IF USUAL AIRCRAFT CALL SIGNS FOR BLUE SKY AND LARK ARE RETAINED IN THE COMBINED EXERCISE, PRC WILL BE ABLE TO TELL THAT TWO EXERCISES ARE TAKING PLACE AT THE SAME TIME. IF CALL SIGNS ARE CHANGED, COMBINED EXERCISE CAN BE MADE TO APPEAR AS ONE EXERCISE, AND, BECAUSE OF EXTENDED AIRCRAFT LAUNCHING PERIOD OF COMBINED EXERCISE, TDC DOUBTS PRC WILL BE ABLE TO PERCEIVE THE ADDITION OF THE LARK EXERCISE.

2. NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT LAUNCHES CAN BE RESTRICTED AND CALL SIGNS CAN BE CHANGED BY TDC. IF COMBINED EXERCISE PROCEEDS, QUESTION IS WHETHER DEPARTMENT PREFERS IT TO  
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APPEAR AS THE COINCIDENTAL STAGING OF TWO EXERCISES WITH

WHICH THE PRC IS PRESUMABLY FAMILIAR, OR AS ONE WHICH  
COULD BE MADE TO APPEAR NO LARGER THAN A BLUE SKY?

3. PER REFS C AND D, WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT IS BEING  
CONSULTED BY JCS ON US/ROC BLUE SKY EXERCISES. WE  
RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT QUERY JCS DIRECTLY FOR FURTHER  
DETAILS ON THE PROFILE OF THIS PARTICULAR COMBINED  
BLUE SKY/LARK EXERCISE.  
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